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Maitre Radot, President of the St. Hubert Society, discoursed to me on the terrible savages caused by the rabbit disease, myxomatose. I am writing on his behalf to the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife of the Department of the Interior for information that may be useful to him and to the Pasteur Institute in their struggle to bring this malady under partial control and also to ascertain whether it would be wise to introduce some American cottontails into France to repopulate the stricken areas which now include almost the whole metropole.

E. and I lunched at Ben Welles' apartment, Phil Sprouse making the fourth. We stayed until four o'clock in spirited argument over French affairs.

Douglas Gordon called on me this afternoon. He told me of his successful efforts in zoning the historical sections of Baltimore and I was tempted to settle there in a house at 1 West Mount Vernon Place which has just come up for sale at a bargain price.

We dined tonight with Madeleine and Bill Batt, who are going home next week. Mr. Rand (Governor Stassen's deputy in the Foreign Operations Administration and formerly President of Monsanto Chemical Company), Webster Todd, who is taking Bill Batt's place as Economic Adviser and FOA Minister under John Hughes, the Geoff Parsons and Ted Achilles were there.

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